

BILL NO. 68 2007  
AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BY TRANSFERRING THE LAW REGARDING PARKING TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES FROM CHAPTER 15 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 407 TO CHAPTER 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY, SECTION 505 WHICH WILL PROTECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALL CITIZENS AND RENUMBERING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS IN BOTH CHAPTERS ACCORDINGLY

WHEREAS, the City of Reading has seen a substantial increase in complaints regarding the parking and/or storage of oversized vehicles in residential areas throughout the City causing visual blight and public safety concerns such as sight distance from driveways and intersections for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

THEREFORE THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Transferring the law – Parking Trucks, Trailers and Mobile Homes from Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Section 407 to Chapter 10 Health and Safety, Section 505 and renumbering the following Sections in both Chapters accordingly.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, or repassage by City Council over the Mayor's veto, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter, or as set forth in Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted Sept 10, 2007

[Signature]  
President of Council

Attest:

[Signature]  
City Clerk

(Councilor Fuhs & Chief of Police)

Submitted to Mayor: [Signature]

Date: 9-11-07

Received by the Mayor's Office: ms

Date: 9-11-07

Approved by Mayor: [Signature]

Date: 9/12/07

Vetoed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, A. D. 20 07. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, A. D. 20 07.  
[Signature]  
CITY CLERK

**(Exhibit A)**

**§10-505. Parking Trucks, Trailers and Mobile Homes.**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or allow to remain parked any vehicles, trucks, trailers, or tractors, whether attached or unattached, with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lbs. or more and/or higher than 10 feet on all public or private property for more than 1 hour unless the vehicle is involved in the actual delivery or pick up of goods, supplies or merchandise from any building, residence or business in the following zoning districts:

- A. R 1 A, R 1, R 2, R 3 Residential Districts
- B. Residential Outlet Districts - RO
- C. Commercial Residential Districts - CR
- D. Commercial Neighborhood Districts - CN
- E. Residential Professional Office - RPO

2. It shall also be unlawful for anyone to park or allow to remain parked any boats, motor homes, recreational vehicles (RV), camping trailers, trailers of any type or passenger cars with attached boats, homes, camping trailers or trailers of any type on all public property and on private property in plain view from the public right of way in the above zoning districts.

3. Each household may apply to the Department of Police, Traffic Enforcement Office for no more than 2 Temporary Recreational Vehicle Parking Permits in each calendar year unless a special exception is authorized by the Chief of Police for the vehicles restricted in Section 2 listed above. Temporary Recreational Vehicle Parking Permits will provide residents with the ability to prepare these vehicles for personal vacations or uses. These permits may only be used for no more than five days in the direct block where the owner resides. The cost of each Permit shall be \$10.

4. Prior to the issuance of the citation and fine, notification of this law and a warning of the penalties imposed upon violation shall be posted on the vehicle one time or a copy issued to the owner or tenant of the property. Such warning shall be properly recorded in the Police Department, the Codes Enforcement Office and the Parking Authority Office by the issuing enforcement official. If the vehicle is not removed within forty eight (48) hours, the enforcement official shall issue a citation and may consider removing the vehicle, as stated in Part 5 below.

5. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall be cited and fined \$100. If the \$100 fine is not paid within 10 days, the fine shall be automatically increased to \$200. At the discretion of the citing officer, the vehicle(s) located in the public right of way may be subject to tow after the 3<sup>rd</sup> citation in any calendar year.

6. The Department of Police, Codes Enforcement Office and Reading Parking Authority are hereby provided with enforcement authority for this section.